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1. On 9 August 1952, source learned at the construction office that the beginning of the construction work at the new barracks site in the Ruedersdorf Forest (N 53/V 14) was delayed as a result of a shortage of material and specialists. Although the chief of the construction office had been to Plauen to procure specialists he was not very successful. He learned that most of these specialists including foremen, plumbers and electricians were being employed in the transfer of Soviet and German offices from East Berlin to various places in Eastern Germany. Numerous construction firms which made contracts with a number of special construction bureaus were unexpectedly required to send numerous specialists to Frankfurt/Oder, Magdeburg, Jüterbog and Leipzig to recondition apartment houses and other buildings or to construct new buildings. (1)

2. On 14 August, 4 x 47-mm AT guns and 4 rocket launchers and 10 trucks were unloaded at the Dallgow (N 53/Z 65) railroad stations. (2)

3. On 23 August, the Loewen Kaserne in Doebertitz was occupied by 1,400 to 1,500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. From 6 a.m. on 21 August to 4:20 p.m. on 22 August, a field conducted at the troop training grounds involved 2 BA-64 armored scout cars, 18 x 76.2-mm ZIG-3 AT guns, 18 x 45-mm AT guns, 18 x 120-mm mortars, T-34 tanks

4. On 21 August, a train of 24 axles carrying nine AA guns and an undetermined number of tanks and mortars were seen in Frankfurt/Oder coming from the east. Another train carried about 500 women. On 21 August, preparations were made for new arrivals at the hutment near the Horn Kaserne. Leave traffic at the Hofbauer Kaserne was normal. (4)

Comments.

A report by the same source and another source in June 1952 indicated that 18 barracks buildings would be built in the Ruedersdorf Forest. They were allegedly planned for the National Army in Eastern Germany.

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- 25X1 (2) Records on transportation indicate that the train [redacted] came from Justerbog. [redacted] The unit most probably was the combined artillery unit of the 1st Weich Div which had been entrained in Doeberitz on 9 August 1952.
- (3) The field exercise was conducted by units of the 1st Weich Div which had been rotated for practices at the Doeberitz troop training grounds. See
- (4) The present information indicates that the arrival of new weapons from the U.S.S.R. probably for the Volkspolizei continued. [redacted] The preparations at the hutment near the Horn Kaserne were possibly made for the women.

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